

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Independence--so important to every American--has a special significance to the blind, for, although imprisoned in a world of unceasing darkness, the blind must still be able to enjoy freedom of movement; and

WHEREAS, The White Cane has become the emblem of the blind American's determination to live the most independent, constructive life possible. Available to every blind American, it is his passport to self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the blind can enjoy their freedom with confidence only if their fellow citizens learn to treat them with consideration and respect, today all fifty states have White Cane Laws, emphasizing that for the White Cane to spell independence to the blind it must also spell caution to the rest of us; and

WHEREAS, we must learn to recognize this symbol from afar and to understand how much another person's freedom and life depend on our acknowledging his right-of-way above our own;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1967, as--

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

in South Dakota, and call upon all our citizens, our civic and service organizations, schools, public bodies and the media of public information in every community to join in observing White Cane Safety Day, so that blind persons in our society may increasingly enjoy the greatest possible measure of personal independence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 29th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-seven.

*Nils A. Boe*  
NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Alma Larson*  
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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